

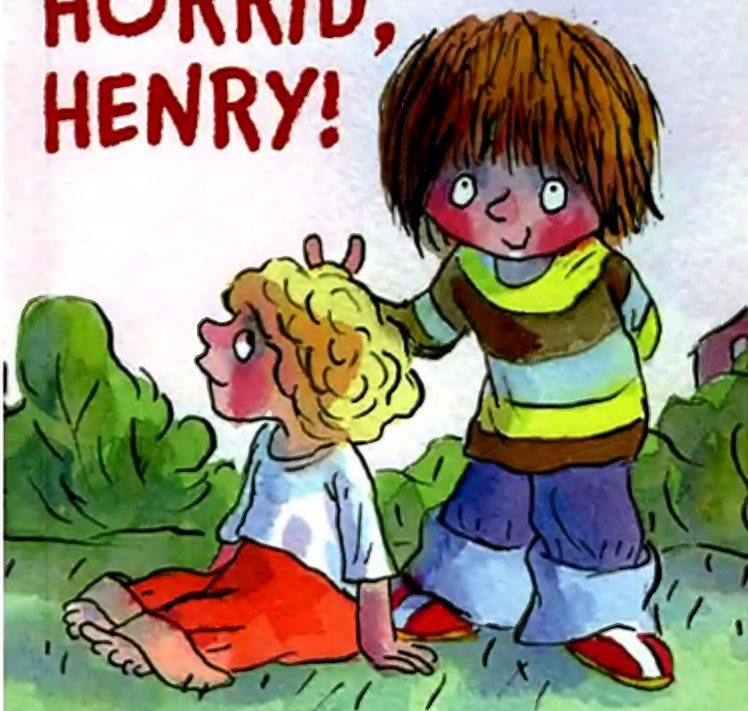


Early Reader



DON'T BE HORRID, HENRY!

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CHAPTER 1



Henry was a horrid baby.



He screamed in the morning.



He screamed in the evening.



At night he never slept.

... dinner on the walls.



He put breakfast
on his head ...



... lunch on the floor

And his nappies . . .

what
a
stink!



Then Peter was born.

CHAPTER 2



Peter was a perfect baby. He smiled all day and slept all night.



His nappies were never dirty



(well, almost never).



Henry was not very happy when Peter arrived. In fact, he was furious.

“I’ve had just about enough of this baby,” he said to Mum.

"Gootchie gootchie
goo," said Mum.



"Time to take that baby back to the
hospital," he said to Dad.



said Dad.

Henry glared at Peter.
This house isn't big enough for
both of us, he thought.



CHAPTER 3

Horrid Henry tried posting Peter.



He tried dumping Peter.



He tried losing Peter.

He tried letting the wind
blow him away.





Perhaps he'll leave,
thought Horrid Henry hopefully.



Unfortunately, Peter didn't.

He just grew bigger and bigger,
sitting in Henry's chair . . .

playing with Henry's toys,



swinging on Henry's swing,
and being a total nuisance.



“Mum! Peter’s kicking me!”
screamed Henry.



“Dad! Peter’s bashing
my teddy!”



"Mum! Henry's hitting me!" said Peter.



"Dad! Henry's
knocking down
my Lego!"



"Don't be horrid,
Henry!"



"Why doesn't Peter
ever get into trouble?"
muttered Henry.

CHAPTER 4

Then Horrid Henry had a wonderful, wicked idea.



“Peter,” said Henry sweetly, “would you like to dig a hole to China?”

"Oh yes," said Peter.

Henry pointed to Mum's
newly-dug flowerbed.



"Dig here," he said. "It's easier."



Peter started digging.
Soon there was a lovely big hole.



"That's great work, Peter,"
said Henry. "Why not show Mum?"

Peter toddled off.





Tee hee,
thought Horrid Henry.

Mum came outside.

"AARGHHH!"
she screamed.

"Henry! How dare you dig
up my flowerbed!"

"I didn't do it," said Henry.
"Peter did."



“Don’t be horrid,
Henry!” shouted Mum. “Go to
your room!”

“It’s not fair!” wailed Henry.



CHAPTER 5



Next day, he tried again.



“Let’s surprise Mum and draw her
a picture,” said Henry.

“How about a Viking ship?”

“Yeah!” said Peter.

“We need a huge space,” said Henry.
“I know! Let’s draw on the wall!”

“On the wall?” said Peter.



"We couldn't fit a whole Viking ship on a tiny piece of paper," said Henry.

"And just think how pleased Mum will be when she sees it."

"Okay," said Peter.



Henry giggled and sneaked off.
This time *he'd* get Mum himself.

"Mum, Mum, Peter's doing something terrible!" said Horrid Henry.

"He's drawing on the walls!"





Mum ran upstairs.

"I didn't do it, my hand did," said Peter. "It was Henry's idea."
"No it wasn't!"





“Don’t be horrid, Henry!”
shouted Mum.

“But I didn’t do anything!!”
said Henry.

“You’re the eldest! You should
have stopped him,” said Mum.



“Go to your room!”



CHAPTER 6



The next day Mum took Henry and Peter to the park. Henry felt very sad. He couldn't get rid of Peter, and he couldn't get Peter into trouble.



Maybe he could push Peter into a puddle when Mum wasn't looking.

Suddenly a huge dog ran up to Peter.

"GRRRRRRR!"

snarled
the dog.



"Help!" squeaked Peter.



Henry didn't
stop to think.

“GO AWAY,
DOG!”

he howled
in his most
horrid voice.



Peter started screaming.

Mum ran up.

“Don’t be
horrid,
Henry!”
she shouted.





"Henry's not horrid," said Peter.
"He saved me."

"My hero!" said Mum.

Henry allowed his mother to hug
and kiss him. He supposed he was
happy to be a hero for a day.





But tomorrow
– *watch out!*



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how hard he tried to get rid of him – and
how he became Henry the hero despite
himself. The fun starts here...

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